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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 HANOVER INSURANCE  
12 COMPANY, a New Hampshire  
corporation,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 CPG FOODS, LLC, a California  
16 limited liability company and  
MATTHEW H. WONG, a California  
resident,

17 Defendants.  
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Case No. CV12-08473-PA (JCGx)

**[PROPOSED] STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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20 WHEREAS, in this action, plaintiff Hanover Insurance Company  
21 (“Hanover”) seeks a judicial determination that Hanover is entitled to rescind the  
22 employment practices liability (“EPL”) insurance policy issued by Hanover to CPG  
23 Foods, LLC (“CPG”) for the policy period May 15, 2012 to May 15, 2013 bearing  
24 policy No. LH3 9553719 00 (“CPG Policy”) and that such policy is void *ab initio*  
25 and provides no coverage whatsoever to any person or entity or for any claim,  
26 including but not limited, to the pending action *German Sanchez, et al. v. CPG*  
27 *Foods, LLC, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 488418  
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1 (“Action”) that Hanover is defending under a reservation of rights and that Hanover  
2 is entitled to reimbursement of all amounts paid pursuant to that policy;

3 WHEREAS, defendants CPG and Matthew Wong (collectively “CPG  
4 Parties”) have filed an answer in this action in which the CPG Parties deny, among  
5 other things, that Hanover is entitled to rescind the CPG Policy;

6 WHEREAS, discovery in this action by Hanover and the CPG Parties  
7 (collectively, the "Parties") will involve the disclosure of private, privileged,  
8 proprietary, and confidential information, including without limitation the  
9 following: confidential and non-public proprietary internal guidelines or reference  
10 materials of Hanover, including but not limited to, underwriting guidelines and risk  
11 analysis materials and confidential and non-public financial records or trade secrets  
12 of the CPG Parties; and

13 WHEREAS the Parties to this action believe that unrestricted disclosure or  
14 dissemination of such information could cause them injury, and desire an efficient  
15 and practicable means to designate such information as confidential and control its  
16 disclosure or dissemination;

17 NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by the Parties, by and  
18 through their respective attorneys of record, and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
19 26(c)(1)(G) and 29, subject to the approval of the Court, that discovery in this case  
20 of confidential information shall be had on the following terms and conditions:

21 **I. DEFINITIONS**

22 1.1 As used herein, the term "confidential information" or  
23 “CONFIDENTIAL” means: (a) any type of information that has not been made  
24 public and the disclosure of which the disclosing party contends would (i) cause  
25 substantial harm to the disclosing party's business operations or to their own  
26 privacy interests or the privacy interests of their customers or third parties, or (ii)  
27 disclose their confidential financial affairs or transactions; (b) data derived from  
28 such confidential information, including any summaries, compilations, quotes, or

1 paraphrases thereof; and (c) any other oral, written, or recorded material that  
2 consists of or contains trade secrets (as defined in Cal. Civil Code § 3426.1(d)) or  
3 other confidential research, development, or commercial information. Confidential  
4 information shall not include information (i) that comes into the public domain,  
5 unless it is through the action of the Receiving Party; (ii) is disclosed to the  
6 Receiving Party by a third party not under any confidentiality restrictions; or, (iii)  
7 that is required to be disclosed pursuant to subpoena or valid governmental  
8 requirement.

9       1.2 As used herein, the terms "document," "documents," "tangible things,"  
10 "recordings," and "photographs" mean documents, writings, tangible things,  
11 recordings, and photographs as defined in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a) and Fed. R. Evid.  
12 1001, and include, but are not limited to, records, exhibits, reports, samples,  
13 transcripts, video or audio recordings, disks, affidavits, briefs, summaries, notes,  
14 abstracts, drawings, company records and reports, answers to interrogatories,  
15 responses to requests for admissions, and motions, including copies or computer-  
16 stored versions of any of the foregoing.

17       1.3 The term "concerning" shall be construed broadly and shall mean, for  
18 example, referring to, pertaining to, evidencing, containing, describing, reflecting,  
19 regarding, illustrating, mentioning, embodying, constituting, supporting, discussing,  
20 or having any logical or factual connection whatsoever with the subject matter in  
21 question.

## 22 **II. DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

23       2.1 This Protective Order applies to all discovery responses, documents,  
24 testimony, and other materials disclosed in this action that are designated by a party  
25 as CONFIDENTIAL as defined below, whether such disclosure is by order of the  
26 Court or by response to questions in a deposition, written interrogatories, requests  
27 for the production of documents and other tangible things, requests for admission,  
28 or any other discovery undertaken in this action.

1           2.2 Any party may protect information it believes constitutes its  
2 confidential information by designating such information as CONFIDENTIAL  
3 prior to or at the time of disclosure of such information. Such designation shall be  
4 accomplished by placing the notation CONFIDENTIAL on every page of each  
5 document or portion thereof so designated. In the case of confidential information  
6 disclosed in a non-paper medium (*e.g.*, videotape, audiotape, computer disks, etc.),  
7 the notation CONFIDENTIAL shall be affixed to the outside of the medium or its  
8 container so as to clearly give notice of the designation. Such designation is  
9 deemed to apply to the document itself and to the confidential information  
10 contained therein.

11           2.3 Confidential information so designated shall be used only for the  
12 purposes of this litigation and may not be used by any party to which that  
13 information is produced or disclosed for research, development, sales, marketing,  
14 publicity, or competitive purposes, or any other purpose. Confidential information  
15 so designated shall not be disclosed to anyone other than those persons identified in  
16 Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4, *infra*, except as may be ordered by the Court or agreed to in  
17 writing by the Parties.

18           2.4 The Parties shall use reasonable care to avoid designating any  
19 materials as CONFIDENTIAL that are (a) not entitled to such designation, or (b)  
20 are generally available to the public.

### 21 **III. DEPOSITIONS**

22           3.1 With respect to the examination of witnesses upon oral deposition,  
23 when designated confidential information is supplied to the deponent, or when the  
24 deponent's testimony contains, reflects, or comments on designated confidential  
25 information, the deposition reporter and/or videotape operator shall be informed of  
26 this Protective Order by the party seeking to invoke its protection, and will be  
27 required to agree to be bound by its terms in accordance with Paragraph 4.5, *infra*.  
28 The reporter and/or videotape operator then shall place on the cover of any

1 deposition transcript or videotape that contains any designated confidential  
2 information the words "CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION  
3 SUBJECT TO A COURT PROTECTIVE ORDER". Counsel for the Parties then  
4 shall take appropriate steps to prevent any portions of any deposition transcript or  
5 videotape designated CONFIDENTIAL from being disclosed to any person, except  
6 as provided in this Protective Order.

7       3.2 All testimony at a deposition shall be presumed to be designated  
8 CONFIDENTIAL if this Protective Order is invoked at any time during the  
9 deposition until the specific pages of the transcript containing designated  
10 confidential information are identified and designated CONFIDENTIAL as  
11 provided below. The designating party shall, within ten (10) business days after  
12 receiving a copy of the deposition transcript, provide all Parties with a written list  
13 of the page(s) of the deposition transcript, and any exhibits attached thereto, that the  
14 party has designated CONFIDENTIAL, unless such designation already has been  
15 clearly stated on the record in the deposition transcript. If the non-designating party  
16 believes there is good cause for these specific deposition designations to be made in  
17 fewer than ten (10) business days and makes a reasonable request therefor  
18 specifying the basis for the expedited request, the designating party shall make  
19 good faith efforts to provide all Parties with a written list of the designated pages  
20 and exhibits within the timeframe requested by the non-designating party.

21       3.3 Each deponent to whom any party proposes to disclose designated  
22 confidential information at a deposition shall be given a copy of this Protective  
23 Order and informed of its contents. After reading this Protective Order, the Parties  
24 shall take all reasonable steps to have such witnesses sign the declaration attached  
25 hereto as EXHIBIT A and referenced herein in Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6, *infra*  
26 ("COMPLIANCE DECLARATION").

1 **IV. DISCLOSURE OF DESIGNATED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

2 4.1 The Parties, counsel for the Parties, and all persons who execute the  
3 COMPLIANCE DECLARATION shall maintain all designated confidential  
4 information in confidence and shall not disclose such information, directly or  
5 indirectly, to any person except as provided in this Protective Order.

6 4.2 While the disclosure of confidential information designated  
7 CONFIDENTIAL to persons not authorized by this Protective Order could, by  
8 definition, be prejudicial to the business, operations, or interests of the designating  
9 party or third party, the CONFIDENTIAL designation should not be overused.

10 4.3 Access to confidential information designated as CONFIDENTIAL  
11 shall be limited to the following persons:

12 4.3.1 Outside counsel for the Parties and their support personnel. If any  
13 outside vendors (*e.g.*, copy services) are used as support personnel for outside  
14 counsel for the Parties, they shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph 4.5,  
15 *infra*.

16 4.3.2 Consultants requested by the Parties' counsel to furnish expert or  
17 litigation support services in this litigation.

18 4.3.3 Pursuant to Paragraphs 3.1 through 3.3, *supra*, deponents at their  
19 depositions on a need to know basis. Counsel should have a good faith belief that  
20 such disclosure is necessary before disclosing designated confidential information  
21 to the deponent.

22 4.3.4 The Parties to this action.

23 4.3.5 The trial Court and any appellate court, mediator, arbitrator and the  
24 Jury.

25 4.4 Each (a) outside vendor authorized pursuant to Paragraph 4.3.1, *supra*,  
26 (b) consultant authorized pursuant to Paragraph 4.3.2, *supra*, (c) deponent  
27 authorized pursuant to Paragraph 4.3.3, *supra*, and (d) party authorized pursuant to  
28 Paragraph 4.3.4, *supra*, shall, prior to being given access to designated confidential

1 information, acknowledge in writing his or her familiarity with the terms of this  
2 Protective Order and execute the COMPLIANCE DECLARATION, attached  
3 hereto as EXHIBIT A.

4 4.5 Nothing herein shall prohibit a party, or its counsel, from disclosing a  
5 document that contains confidential information: (i) to the person whom the  
6 document identifies as an author, addressee, or recipient of such document; or (ii) to  
7 a Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6) witness designated either by the party that authored the  
8 document or by the party addressee/recipient of the document.

9 **V. CHALLENGING A DESIGNATION**

10 5.1 As stated above in Paragraph 1.1, the term "confidential information,"  
11 as defined herein, is directed at information that, if disclosed other than as provided  
12 in this Protective Order, would cause serious harm to the disclosing party's business  
13 operations or interests. As further stated above in Paragraph 2.4, the Parties shall  
14 use reasonable care to avoid designating any materials as CONFIDENTIAL that are  
15 (a) not entitled to such designation, or (b) are generally available to the public. As  
16 further stated above in Paragraph 4.2, the CONFIDENTIAL designations should  
17 not be overused. In furtherance of the goal of using the confidentiality designation  
18 provided for herein as little as possible, the Parties hereto agree that they will  
19 actively work to avoid the over-designation of information produced in discovery in  
20 this action and use such designation only if the disclosing party reasonably and in  
21 good faith believes that the material being designated contains: (a) trade secrets; or  
22 (b) highly confidential, non-public, personal or proprietary business information,  
23 the disclosure of which would be especially detrimental or harmful to the producing  
24 party if disclosed beyond the limited class of permitted recipients as delineated  
25 herein. If only a portion of a document contains matter that meets either of these  
26 standards, then only that portion will be designated CONFIDENTIAL.

27 5.2 In the event that counsel for any party at any time believes that  
28 designated confidential information should not be so designated, such counsel shall



1 employ the procedures of Local Rules 37-1 through 37-4 to resolve that dispute.  
2 The designating party shall bear the burden of persuasion that it has properly  
3 designated the subject materials under the standards set forth herein. The Court  
4 may impose a monetary sanction under Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(4) against any party,  
5 person, or attorney who unsuccessfully makes or opposes such a motion, unless it  
6 find that the one subject to the sanction acted with substantial justification or that  
7 other circumstances make the imposition of the sanction unjust.

8 5.3 No party shall be obliged to challenge the propriety of a  
9 CONFIDENTIAL designation, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a  
10 subsequent attack on the propriety of such designation.

## 11 **VI. INADVERTENT FAILURE TO DESIGNATE**

12 6.1 The inadvertent failure to designate confidential information as  
13 CONFIDENTIAL prior to or at the time of disclosure shall not operate as a waiver  
14 of a party's right to designate such information as CONFIDENTIAL within a  
15 reasonable time following discovery of the inadvertent disclosure.

16 6.2 In the event that confidential information is designated as  
17 CONFIDENTIAL after disclosure pursuant to Paragraph 6.1, *supra*, the receiving  
18 party shall employ reasonable efforts to ensure that all previously disclosed  
19 information is subsequently treated as CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the terms of  
20 this Protective Order.

21 6.3 Should any document or information designated as CONFIDENTIAL  
22 be disclosed, through inadvertence or otherwise, to any person or party not  
23 authorized to see such materials under this Protective Order, then the disclosing  
24 party shall use its best efforts to bind such person to the terms of this Protective  
25 Order, and the disclosing party shall (a) promptly inform such person of all the  
26 provisions of this Protective Order, (b) identify the name, address, telephone  
27 number, employer, and title or position of such person immediately to the party that  
28 designated the document, and (c) request such person to sign the Declaration of



1 Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound By Stipulated Protective Order  
2 (“COMPLIANCE DECLARATION”), attached hereto as EXHIBIT A. The  
3 executed COMPLIANCE DECLARATION shall then promptly be served upon the  
4 party that designated the document or information.

5 **VII. CUSTODY AND DISPOSITION OF DESIGNATED CONFIDENTIAL**  
6 **INFORMATION**

7 7.1 Confidential information designated CONFIDENTIAL shall be  
8 maintained in the custody of counsel for the Parties, except for information in the  
9 custody of: (a) the Court; (b) any court reporter transcribing testimony given in this  
10 action, for the limited purpose of rendering his or her normal transcribing services;  
11 and (c) consultants entitled to see such information under the terms of this  
12 Protective Order, to the extent necessary for their study, analysis, and preparation of  
13 the case. Except for the Court, a person with custody of information designated  
14 CONFIDENTIAL shall maintain it in a manner that limits access to it to only those  
15 persons entitled under this Protective Order to examine it.

16 7.2 Unless counsel agree otherwise in writing, at the conclusion of this  
17 litigation, whether by settlement or final decision of the Court of last resort, the  
18 Parties, counsel for the Parties, and all persons who executed the COMPLIANCE  
19 DECLARATION agree that they will destroy or return to the producing party  
20 within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of this litigation all copies of any  
21 documents, other than attorney work product, containing designated confidential  
22 information produced by a party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel of record  
23 shall be permitted to retain one (1) copy of the designated information attached to  
24 any pleading, motion or other papers filed with the Court, marked as an exhibit to a  
25 deposition or which is part of deposition testimony, or which is offered or admitted  
26 as an exhibit at trial. Such file copies must be maintained under the conditions of  
27 maintaining CONFIDENTIAL documents as set forth in Paragraph 7.1, *supra*.  
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1 **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

2 8.1 The provisions of this Protective Order apply to all discovery in this  
3 action, including all appeals and arbitration in connection therewith. All discovery  
4 of a non-public nature shall be used solely in connection with this litigation and not  
5 for any other purpose. All discovery materials whose disclosure is restricted by this  
6 Protective Order shall not be disclosed to anyone except as provided herein.

7 8.2 A designation of confidentiality pursuant to this Protective Order shall  
8 be effective and shall be respected by the Parties and all persons in any way  
9 involved in these proceedings or to whose attention confidential information shall  
10 come unless and until otherwise ordered by the Court or stipulated by all Parties to  
11 this action. These obligations of confidentiality and non-disclosure shall survive  
12 the conclusion of this action unless and until otherwise ordered by the Court, or  
13 until the Parties to this action stipulate that designated confidential information can  
14 be disclosed.

15 8.3 By entering into this Protective Order, no party waives any objections  
16 it might have to the production of documents covered by this Protective Order.

17 8.4 Consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5), nothing in this Protective  
18 Order shall require production of information which a party contends is protected  
19 from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege or work-product immunity. If  
20 information subject to a claim of attorney-client privilege or work product  
21 immunity is nevertheless inadvertently produced, such production shall in no way  
22 prejudice or otherwise constitute a waiver of, or estoppel as to, any claim of  
23 privilege or work-product immunity for such information.

24 8.5 No party to this action, by entering into this Protective Order, by  
25 designating certain information as CONFIDENTIAL, or by acquiescing in any  
26 other party's such designation, shall be deemed to have admitted or agreed that any  
27 such designated information is, in fact, a trade secret or other confidential,  
28 proprietary, trade secret or commercial information.

1           8.7    The terms of this Protective Order may be applied to the documents,  
2 information and things received by a party from any person who is not a party to  
3 this litigation at the election of such person.

4           8.8    The Court retains jurisdiction even after termination of this action to  
5 enforce this Protective Order and to make such deletions from or amendments,  
6 modifications, and additions to the Protective Order as the Court may from time to  
7 time deem appropriate. The Parties hereto reserve all rights to apply to the Court at  
8 any time, before or after termination of this action, for an order modifying this  
9 Protective Order or seeking further protection against disclosure or use of claimed  
10 confidential information and for all civil and/or criminal penalties, sanctions,  
11 punishments, damages and/or remedies available under the law.

12           8.9    Nothing contained in this Protective Order is intended to be construed  
13 as authorizing a party to disobey a lawful subpoena in another action.

14 **IX. FILING OR LODGING UNDER SEAL**

15           In accordance with Local Rule 79-5.1, if any papers to be filed with the Court  
16 contain information and/or documents that have been designated as  
17 "CONFIDENTIAL" the proposed filing shall be accompanied by an application to  
18 file the papers or the portion thereof containing the designated information or  
19 documents (if such portion is segregable) and if appropriate, the application itself  
20 under seal; and the application shall be directed to the judge to whom the papers are  
21 directed. For motions, the parties shall publicly file a redacted version of the motion  
22 and supporting papers.

23 **X. VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROTECTIVE ORDER**

24           Any person who violates any provisions of this Protective Order and/or is  
25 otherwise responsible for the improper disclosure and/or dissemination of  
26 information and/or documents that are CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Protective  
27 Order shall be subject to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt and all  
28 other civil and/or criminal remedies available under the law.

1 **XI. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

2 Discovery in this action will involve the disclosure of private, privileged,  
3 proprietary, and confidential information, including without limitation the  
4 following: confidential and non-public proprietary internal guidelines or reference  
5 materials of HANOVER, including but not limited to, underwriting guidelines and  
6 risk analysis materials and confidential and non-public financial records or trade  
7 secrets of the CPG Parties.

8 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1), good cause therefore exists for entry of  
9 this Protective Order because the Parties to this action (1) either have sought or  
10 might seek the discovery of certain information in this action that the Parties  
11 believe is sensitive or confidential, (2) believe that unrestricted disclosure or  
12 dissemination of such information could cause them some business or commercial  
13 injury, (3) desire an efficient and practicable means to designate such information  
14 as confidential and control its disclosure or dissemination, and (4) have agreed to  
15 such means as set forth herein.

16 DATED: July 2, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

17 CHARLSTON, REVICH & WOLLITZ LLP

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19 By: /s/ Robert D. Hoffman

20 Robert D. Hoffman

21 Attorneys for Plaintiff Hanover Insurance  
22 Company

23 NASSIRI & JUNG, LLP

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25 By: /s/ John J. Manier  
John J. Manier

26 Attorneys for Defendants CPG Foods, LLC  
27 and Matthew H. Wong  
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1 ATTESTATION:

2 I hereby attest that concurrence in the filing of this document has been  
3 obtained from John J. Manier, counsel for Defendants.

4 /s/ Robert D. Hoffman

5 Attorneys for Plaintiff Hanover Insurance Company

6 Dated: July 2, 2013

**EXHIBIT A**

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**DECLARATION OF  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND  
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY  
STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws  
of the United States of America that:

1. I am employed by \_\_\_\_\_ in the capacity  
of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I have received a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this action.

3. I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective  
Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of  
California on \_\_\_\_\_ in the above captioned case.

4. I recognize that during my participation in this case, I may have  
occasion to read or hear matters which are designated as confidential information.

5. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this  
Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so

1 comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt and  
2 all other civil and/or criminal remedies available under the law.

3 6. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any  
4 information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person  
5 or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

6 7. I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the United  
7 States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of  
8 enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement  
9 proceedings occur after termination of this action, and understand that the Court  
10 may impose sanctions for any violation of the attached Stipulated Protective Order.

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12 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Discovery in this action will involve the disclosure of private, privileged, proprietary, and confidential information, including without limitation the following: confidential and non-public proprietary internal guidelines or reference materials of Hanover, including but not limited to, underwriting guidelines and risk analysis materials and confidential and non-public financial records or trade secrets of the CPG Parties.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1), good cause therefore exists for entry of this Protective Order because the Parties to this action (1) either have sought or might seek the discovery of certain information in this action that the Parties believe is sensitive or confidential, (2) believe that unrestricted disclosure or dissemination of such information could cause them some business or commercial injury, (3) desire an efficient and practicable means to designate such information as confidential and control its disclosure or dissemination, and (4) have agreed to such means as set forth herein.

The Parties' Stipulated Protective Order is hereby entered.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 9, 2013

  
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The Honorable Jay C. Gandhi  
United States Magistrate Judge